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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

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KRISHNA KISHORE YELLEPEDDYFor: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING COLLABORATIVE VOTING WHILE MAINTAINING ANONYMITY OF INDIVIDUAL VOTERS**Assignee Name: International Business Machines Corporation  
Assignee Residence: Armonk, New York

Enclosed are also:

27 Pages of Specification including an Abstract  
 10 Pages of Claims ( Claims 1 - 51 )  
 10 Sheet(s) of Drawings  
 A Declaration and Power of Attorney  
 Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation

**CLAIMS AS FILED**

FOR	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee (\$710)
Total Claims	51	-20 =	31	X \$ 18 = \$558
Independent Claims	4	-3 =	1	X \$ 80 = \$80
Multiple Dependent Claims	0		X \$270	= \$0
<b>Total Filing Fee</b>				= \$1,348

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